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How to 86 Omega 7

Dear Editor:

The headline of my recent piece ["Inside Omega 7," *Voice*, March 10] left an inaccurate impression regarding federal efforts to round up the anti-Castro terrorists. "Why is Washington Doing Nothing?" the headline asked. "Washington"—i.e., the chiefs of the Justice Department and the FBI—is doing *something*, but the real point is, that it's just not enough. What the Attorney General and the FBI Director need to do is make a *public* commitment that Omega 7's bombing and murder campaign will not be tolerated, and to follow that with the establishment of regional/national strike forces.

After years of proven CIA-FBI collaboration with the Cuban exiles, this is a necessary act to signal the whole Cuban-American community that the U.S. government is no longer in league with the terrorists. Without such a commitment, efforts by local police and FBI agents in the field (who generally are doing a conscientious job) continue to be unfortunately, and suspiciously, undermined.

In fact, local investigators and *conscientious* FBI agents should be applauded for what they have accomplished under these adverse investigative circumstances. If top-level FBI and CIA officials have continued a secret relationship with Cuban exile terrorists behind the local investigators' backs, the investigators should not be blamed. Perhaps, someday, they'll give us the definitive answer.

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